

District II Advisory Board Minutes

February 2, 2009

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th Street North. CM Schlapp was in attendance, (9) board members attended, (3) staff and approximately (4) citizens were in attendance. Only those individuals who signed in are listed as guests below.

Members Present

Aaron Mayes
Max Weddle
Larry Frutiger
David Mollhagen
Daryl Crotts
Phil Ryan
Tim Goodpasture
Brian Carduff
Marty Weeks
Allison Wegner-Youth Member

Members Absent

Sarah Devries
Joe Johnson
Nick Pompeo- Youth Member

Staff Present

Antione Sherfield- Neighborhood Assistant
Chief Snow - Wichita Fire Department
Officer Lowe -Wichita Police Department

Guests

Listed below

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. DAB members did introductions. CM Schlapp welcomed everyone and explained how the DAB meeting is conducted. She advised the audience that she likes to receive feedback from her board on issues brought before them. The Board helps with decision making on very difficult issues but ultimately she makes the final decision.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

- January minutes approved (9-0) contingent upon changes
- February agenda approved (9-0)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Off-Agenda Items

No items submitted.

STAFF REPORT

2. Community Police Report

Officer Lowe, provided information pertaining to current crime trends in District II. Officer Lowe stated that there was a mail box theft on Beat 39 during the month of January. The victim of the theft recommended that the City of Wichita invest in surveillance cameras for the neighborhood. He also stated that they have a suspect in the car burglaries that took place during the winter months in District II. Lastly, Officer Lowe encouraged everyone to call 911 if they see suspicious individuals in their neighborhoods. By contacting law enforcement, this would detour a lot of the criminal behavior in the neighborhoods.

3. Community Fire Report

Battalion Chief Snow, provided information pertaining to Fire Service calls in District II. Chief Snow stated that Fire Station #20 is on target for completion in early March. Fire Station #20 will have 1 Fire Engine and 4 firemen housed at the facility at all times. She also stated that there were 5 structure fires in the month of January. Three of those are still under investigation.

Tim Goodpasture, DAB Member asked about a fire that took place in College Hill.

Chief Snow stated that the fire was still under investigation. This fire may have been caused by faulty wiring between the first and second floor of the home.

CM Schlapp thanked the Fire Department their report and applauded the fine work they provide our City and community.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Improvements to Intersection of 17th & Fairview and Woodlawn

Paul Gunzelman, Traffic Engineer presented information in regard to the project that will provide left turn lanes on both Farmview and Woodlawn and 17th Street.

Background: The 2007-2016 Capital Improvement Program adopted by the City Council includes a project to improve the intersection of 17th/Farmview and Woodlawn.

Analysis: The project will provide left turn lanes on Woodlawn to both Farmview and 17th Street. Construction is planned for 2009.

Financial Considerations: The estimated project cost is \$1,000,000. The funding source is General Obligation Bonds.

Legal Considerations: None.

Paul Gunzleman, Traffic Engineering stated that there have been several request for a traffic signal at 17th street and Woodlawn for a number of years. He went out and checked the area and it meets warrants. He also looked at the accidents in the area and there have been 15 or so in the area within the last 3 years. The City of Wichita has hired Transystems to do the design work for this project.

Slade Engstrom, Transystems stated that the project is a 1000 ft. long. They were looking at moving the existing railroad but can't do that because of drain issues in the area.

Paul stated that this project is in the CIP and scheduled for 2010.

Daryl Crotts, DAB Member asked how much cost was involved.

Paul stated that there was \$760,000.00 allotted in the CIP for this project but the project will cost around 1,000,000.00.

Phil Ryan, DAB Member asked if the engineering department looked at creating right turns into the neighborhood so people would not get rear ended.

Slade stated that they looked at the volume and it wasn't high enough to justify.

Larry Frutiger, DAB Member stated that it is very difficult to make left turns on Woodlawn.

Randy Rose, 6310 E. 17th Street asked about the right-a-way space on the west side of Woodlawn.

Paul stated that he had measured the space and it was roughly around 35 ft.

Randy stated that he was concerned about the row of trees.

Slade stated that there may be a couple of trees that may need to come out of there but for the most part they will not tearing out all of the trees.

Charlie Wilson, 2020 N. Bramblewood works for the owner of the vacant lot at the corner of 17th street and Woodlawn. He stated that they had potential concerns about the project. They had applied for a zone change some time ago but it fell through. He wanted to know if they should re-apply now before this project starts construction.

Paul stated that he did not know how to address that question. It really depends on what they plan on doing with the vacant lot.

Dwight Aldrich, 6403 Farmview stated that Woodlawn is carrying a lot of traffic. He stated that he is concerned with speeding on Woodlawn and the City is trying to move the street closer to his home. He also asked why we couldn't use the railroad track. Lastly, he stated that he was disappointed that we would disrupt this residential area.

Daryl Crotts, DAB Member told Mr. Aldrich that he should contact his local Police Sub-station is speeding was a problem in the area.

Max Weddle, DAB Member asked if the City of Wichita has looked at using different types of paint for the stripping in the streets. The current stripes are difficult to see after wearing.

Paul stated that the field crews have tried different types of things and will continue testing

materials in the future.

Larry Frutiger stated that he thinks this is a fundamental issue here, do you want to spend this money here or do you want to utilize this money in another area.

CM Schlapp stated that just because this is in the CIP, this doesn't mean that this project will automatically move forward. .

The DAB voted (8-1) in favor of approving the planning phase of the project to shovel ready pending completion withheld until approved by the City Council or available stimulus funds.

5. **Design Council Presentation**

John DAngelo, City Arts Department and **Tim Austin, Agent** presented information to the District Advisory Board on the function and benefit of the Design Council and their recommendations to the City Council concerning the built environment in the City to support the Quality of Life.

The mission of the board is to recommend and encourage the integration of the higher design standard in the built environment. The goals of the Design Council are to:

- **Educate the community to appreciate a higher aesthetic design standard.**
- **Prioritize appropriate projects with adequate budgets.**
- **Encourage and direct private participation in the projects that enhance the built environment.**
- **Promote maintenance and conservation of the city's aesthetic resources.**

The Design Council is comprised of 15 Design professionals including architects, engineers, landscape architects, and artists. The Design Council was created by City Ordinance in 1999.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next DAB II Meeting will be March 2, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,
Antione Sherfield, Neighborhood Assistant

Guest

Randy Rose
Charlie Wilson
Dwight Aldrich